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7 BEFORE THE OFFICE OF THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
8 OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

9 No. G 02-45

10 In the Matter of the Application regarding the
11 Conversion and Acquisition of Control of
12 Premera Blue Cross and its Affiliates.

AFFIDAVIT OF AARON KATZ
REGARDING PRE-FILED DIRECT
TESTIMONY

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15 I, Aaron Katz, declare:

16 1. This affidavit is made in compliance with the Twenty-Fifth Order of the Insurance
17 Commissioner of the State of Washington, which requires parties to the above-captioned
18 proceeding to submit pre-filed direct testimony on March 31, 2004.

19 2. I have been retained as a consultant by the Premera Watch Coalition Intervenors
20 ("the Intervenors") in the above-captioned proceeding.

21 3. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of my *Curriculum Vitae*.
22 It is current, except that I stepped down on December 1, 2003 as Director of the Health Policy
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1 Analysis Program for the Department of Health Services at the School of Public Health and
2 Community Medicine (University of Washington).

3 4. I expect to provide expert testimony at the hearing in this matter on behalf of the
4 Intervenors. The issues and subjects on which I will provide testimony are contained in the
5 following sources, which are incorporated herein by reference: (1) the November 10, 2003
6 "Premera Conversion Study, Report 1" and "Premera Conversion Study, Report 2" that were
7 prepared by the Health Policy Analysis Program at the School of Public Health and Community
8 Medicine (University of Washington); (2) the March 3, 2004 Supplemental Report of Aaron
9 Katz; and (3) my deposition testimony in this matter. Pursuant to the January 12, 2004 Order of
10 the Special Master, I expect my testimony at the hearing to include the presentation and
11 explanation of the information and opinions contained in these listed sources.

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13 I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that
14 the foregoing is true and correct.

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18 AARON KATZ
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